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MEMORANDUM FOR SECRETARY KISSINGER
 FROM: THE SITUATION ROOM
 SUBJECT: MORNING NEWS SUMMARY

THE WASHINGTON POST
 GEORGE LARDNER JR., REPORTS THAT FORMER WHITE HOUSE AIDE TOM
 HUSTON SAID YESTERDAY THAT PRESIDENT NIXON WAS APPARENTLY
 UNAWARE THAT SOME OF THE ILLEGAL AND IMPROPER DOMESTIC ACTIV-
 ITIES HE WAS ASKED TO APPROVE IN 1970 HAD BEEN GOING ON FOR
 YEARS IN THE CIA AND THE FBI. TESTIFYING BEFORE THE SENATE
 INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEE, HUSTON SAID HE, TOO, HAD BEEN IGNORANT
 OF SUCH OPERATIONS AS THE CIA'S ILLEGAL MAIL INTERCEPTS WHEN
 HE RECOMMENDED THEM TO NIXON AS PART OF A STEPPED-UP CAMPAIGN
 OF SPYING ON DISSIDENTS. CHAIRMAN FRANK CHURCH SAID THE
 EPISODE SHOWED CLEARLY THAT THE GOVERNMENT'S INTELLIGENCE
 AGENCIES HAVE OPERATED AS "INDEPENDENT FIEFDOMS" THAT TELL
 NEITHER THE PRESIDENT NOR EACH OTHER OF THEIR ILLICIT OPERA-
 TIONS. (A-1)

REQUESTS FOR FULL PUBLIC DISCLOSURE OF ALL SECRET COMMITMENTS
 TO ISRAEL AND EGYPT UNDER THE SINAI AGREEMENT CAME FROM THREE
 SENATORS, AS THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE PREPARED TO
 START CONSIDERING THE AGREEMENT IN CLOSED SESSION TODAY. THE
 HOUSE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE HELD ANOTHER CLOSED
 HEARING ON THE AGREEMENT YESTERDAY AND POSTPONED ANY ACTION
 UNTIL THURSDAY AT THE EARLIEST. (A-2)

A SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE APPROVED A TWO-YEAR,
 \$39 BILLION AUTHORIZATION FOR ECONOMIC AND HUMANITARIAN FOREIGN
 AID. THE BILL DOES NOT INCLUDE MILITARY AID OR ASSISTANCE FOR
 MIDDLE EAST COUNTRIES; ADMINISTRATION BUDGET PROPOSALS FOR

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THESE ARE TO BE SUBMITTED TO CONGRESS LATER. (A-2)

FOREIGN REACTION TO MONDAY'S ATTEMPT TO ASSASSINATE PRESIDENT FORD WAS SHARPEST IN JAPAN, WHERE IT AROUSED FEARS FOR THE SAFETY OF THE EMPEROR AND EMPRESS DURING THEIR OFFICIAL VISIT TO THE U.S. THAT IS TO BEGIN NEXT TUESDAY. ELSEWHERE, REACTIONS WERE SHAPED BY IDEOLOGY AND BY TIME DIFFERENCES. (A-13)

A POST EDITORIAL SAYS THE NEW U.S. INITIATIVE ON KOREA IS SENSIBLE AND SHOULD HELP CLARIFY THE ISSUE ON THE STILL-TENSE AND CONTESTED KOREAN PENINSULA, EVEN IF THE ISSUE STAYS UNSOLVED FOR A LONG TIME. THE ISSUE IS THAT THOUGH SOUTH KOREA IS PREPARED TO FORMALIZE KOREA'S DIVISION AND ESTABLISH COEXISTENCE ON THE GERMAN MODEL, NORTH KOREA REMAINS COMMITTED TO REUNIFYING THE COUNTRY ON ITS OWN COMMUNIST TERMS. THE AMERICAN INITIATIVE, SET OUT BY YOU AT THE UN, CALLS FOR BEGINNING A PROCESS AIMED AT THE INFORMAL ACCEPTANCE AND SUBSEQUENTLY AT THE FORMAL NEGOTIATION OF A PERMANENT TWO-KOREA SETTLEMENT TO REPLACE THE ARMISTICE OF 1953. NOT JUST THE U.S. AND CHINA, BOTH PARTIES TO THE ARMISTICE, BUT ALSO RUSSIA AND JAPAN WOULD JOIN THE PROCESS. PLAINLY, THIS IS THE ONLY CONCEIVABLE ROAD TO AN EVENTUAL PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT. (A-14)

MARILYN BERGER WRITES THAT THE SOVIET UNION YESTERDAY PROPOSED AN INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT BANNING THE DEVELOPMENT AND MANUFACTURE OF NEW WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION AND CALLED FOR A TREATY TO BAN ALL NUCLEAR TESTS. IN A STATEMENT TO THE UNGA, SOVIET FOREIGN MINISTER ANDREI GROMYKO REMAINED FAITHFUL TO WHAT HAS BECOME SOMETHING OF A SOVIET TRADITION TO INTRODUCE AT LEAST ONE DISARMAMENT PROPOSAL. THE ANNUAL EFFORT AT THE UN TO APPEAR TO BE AT THE FOREFRONT OF WORLD DISARMAMENT IS SEEN BY WESTERNERS HERE AS A PROPAGANDA PLOY. GROMYKO'S SPEECH WAS STUDDED WITH ACERBIC BARBS AT THE U.S., AND EVEN AT YOU. "THE MAIN QUESTIONS OF THE MIDDLE EAST," GROMYKO SAID, "ARE STILL AWAITING THEIR SOLUTION." RENEWING HIS CALL FOR RECONVENING THE GENEVA PEACE CONFERENCE, GROMYKO DELIVERED A DIG AT YOUR SHUTTLE DIPLOMACY, DERIDING "AN APPROACH BASED ON MOMENTARY CONSIDERATIONS AND PUBLICITY." BUT GROMYKO, TO THE RELIEF OF SOME AMERICAN OFFICIALS, DID NOT EVEN MENTION THE U.S. CIVILIANS WHO WILL MAN EARLY-WARNING STATIONS IN THE SINAI PENINSULA AS PART OF THE RECENT EGYPTIAN-ISRAELI AGREEMENT. (A-17)

IN A 15-MINUTE DAWN CEREMONY ENDING A FINAL SESSION THAT LASTED NEARLY 18 HOURS, EGYPTIAN AND ISRAELI MILITARY NEGOTIATORS COMPLETED AN AGREEMENT REPORTEDLY SPECIFYING THAT 3,000 BEDOUINS WILL BE ALLOWED TO CIRCULATE FREELY IN THE SINAI DESERT BUFFER ZONE AND THAT 700 EGYPTIAN POLICEMEN WILL GUARD THE ABU RUDEIS OIL FIELDS. THE THIRD POINT -- THE ISSUE OF

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FOR THE LEAST-DEVELOPED NATIONS. IN AN INTERVIEW IN TEHRAN HE SAID IT WOULD BE PRESENTED TODAY AT THE VIENNA MEETING OF OPEC. A FIVE-YEAR ASSESSMENT ON EACH BARREL OF OIL WOULD GO INTO A LOW-INTEREST LOAN FUND FOR SPECIFIC PROJECTS IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

ACCORDING TO PAUL HOFFMAN, ANDREI A. GROMYKO TOLD THE UNGA THAT THE GENEVA PEACE CONFERENCE WAS THE "APPROPRIATE MECHANISM FOR DEALING WITH MIDDLE EAST PROBLEMS." HE MENTIONED NEITHER THE EGYPTIAN-ISRAELI AGREEMENT FOR A SINAI DISENGAGEMENT NOR YOUR PROPOSAL MONDAY FOR AN INFORMAL MEETING OF KEY STATES ON THE MIDDLE EAST. (39)

JAMES M. MARKHAM ASSESSES THE LEBANESE SITUATION AND NOTES THAT THE WORD "PARTITION" HAS BECOME PART OF AN ENVENOMED DEBATE ON THE FUTURE OF THE COUNTRY. AND AS IN THE CASE OF CYPRUS, THE POSSIBILITY OF A WIDENING OF THE CONFLICT TO NEIGHBORING STATES -- IN HIS CASE, SYRIA AND ISRAEL -- IS DISTRESSING A NUMBER OF CAPITALS. (3)

YOUR REMARKS PREPARED FOR DELIVERY AT A DINNER FOR THE FOREIGN MINISTERS OF THE ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY IN WHICH YOU SAID THAT "THE U.S. SEEKS NEITHER MILITARY ALLIES NOR IDEOLOGICAL CONFRONTATION IN AFRICA," ARE SUMMARIZED ON PAGE 3.

ACCORDING TO REUTER ERITREA IS A PROBLEM FOR WHICH THERE IS NO MILITARY SOLUTION, THE GUERRILLAS CANNOT DRIVE THE ARMY FROM THE TOWNS WHILE THE ARMY CANNOT DENY THE REBELS FREEDOM TO MOVE ALMOST AT WILL THROUGH THE COUNTRYSIDE AND TO STRIKE INTO THE PROVINCIAL CAPITAL. (6)

BERNARD GWERTZMAN WRITES THAT IMPORTANT PROGRESS HAD BEEN MADE IN THE DRAWN-OUT NEGOTIATIONS FOR A NEW AGREEMENT ALLOWING AMERICAN MILITARY FORCES TO OPERATE FROM SPANISH BASES. YOU ARE REPORTEDLY EXAMINING A POSSIBLE INCREASE IN MILITARY CREDITS TO BE OFFERED TO SPAIN AND ARE READY TO PUT APPROPRIATE LANGUAGE INTO THE NEW ACCORD THAT WOULD DEMONSTRATE CLOSER TIES TO SPAIN. (7)

COMMENTS BY THE SHAH ON IRAN'S POLICIES AND PLANS ARE QUOTED ON PAGE 8.

CHRISTOPHER S. WREN, ASSESSING THE FINNISH ELECTIONS, CONCLUDES THAT FINNS ARE FACING THE LIKELIHOOD THAT THEY MAY NOT HAVE A NEW GOVERNMENT UNTIL EARLY NEXT YEAR. FOR THE PRESENT, THE CARETAKER GOVERNMENT OF CIVIL SERVANTS HEADED BY PREMIER KEIJO LIINAMAA IS EXPECTED TO CONTINUE IN OFFICE AND TO INSTITUTE SOME POLITICALLY UNPOPULAR REMEDIES FOR FINLAND'S PROBLEMS. (9)

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